

Regional Service Council Minutes

Region 7

Meeting Date: June 13, 2008

Meeting Location: Blackford County Courthouse Annex, Hartford City, Indiana

Council Members Present: Steve Cox, Deb McGriff-Tharp, Betty Lyons, Pat Ergle, Jackie Fisher, Mary Lou Hinkle

Council Members Absent: Judge Young, Judge Toney, Judge Dailey, Chuck Osterholt,

Others in attendance: Jon Bennett, Children Bureau, Blake Hudson, YSB, Dan Turner, Options Treatment Center, Lori Hutchings, Wernle Children's Home, Charles Hunter, Family Service Society, Inc., Dana Kenworthy, Grant Co Prosecutor's Office, Cindy McCoy, Grant Co. Probation, Carmen Young, Resource Residential Treatment Facility, Kevin Standfest, White's Family Services, Consuela Balfour, Secretary, Margaret Richardson, Community Partners

Meeting called to order at 1:00 P.M. By Regional Manager, Steve Cox

1. Introductions of those in attendance.
2. Minutes from May 2, 2008 minutes passed out and reviewed. Betty Lyons motion to accept minutes and Deb McGriff-Tharp second the motion.
3. Community Partners Monthly Report: Margaret Richardson briefly discussed this topic. Margaret went over the number of referrals and types of services requested.
4. IV-B: Steve Cox distributed funding allocation spreadsheets for each individual county of Region 7 along with the Regional allotments spreadsheets.
5. HB 1001 update: Steve covered the following sections:
www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2008/HE/HE1001.1.html

SECTION 537. IC 31-9-2-17.8: [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009]

SECTION 570. IC 31-26-3.5: [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Child Welfare Programs

SECTION 571. IC 31-26-6: [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Regional Service Strategic Plans

SECTION 586. IC 31-34-8-6: [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 6. A program of informal adjustment may not exceed six (6) months, except by approval of the juvenile court. The juvenile court may extend a program of informal adjustment an additional three (3) months.

SECTION 623. IC 31-37-5-8: [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009]: The proposed service, program, or placement.

SECTION 639. IC 31-37-17-1.4: [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009]

6. Concurrent Planning Update: Steve Cox briefly explained this planning. Which will be an alternative plan if reunification does not occur? Region 7 will be the Pilot for this practice. Starting July 15, 16, 17, & 18th the kick-off will be held at the DCS Region 7 Training Facility, 3600 W. Kilgore, Muncie, IN 47305 .
7. Steve Cox distributed a Regional Services Council Summary explaining the process of selecting the new Regional Service Members. Which explains the duties of the members on the council.
8. Delaware Open House:
Will be July 10, 2008
Location: Department of Child Services
3600 W. Kilgore Suite 600
Muncie, IN 47304

2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
9. Next meeting: Will be July 11, 2008 at 1: 00 P.M.

Location: DCS Region 7 Training Facility
3600 W. Kilgore, Room C
Muncie, IN 47304